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1. [] the new Soviet line is intended to appeal to the war-fearing peoples of the United Kingdom and Western Europe, to curtail German and Japanese rearmament, and to build up the position of the neutralists. 25X1
2. [] the Soviets need an internal breathing spell to consolidate G.M. Malenkov's position and to build up Soviet technical war-making potential. 25X1
3. [] Malenkov's policy is basically different from Stalin's policy, which could have led to war before the Soviets had time to catch up technologically to the United States. [] the Soviet Union is still definitely behind the United States in technical development necessary to fight a successful atomic war. 25X1
4. [] the new change of tactics of the Soviet leaders will succeed if the following occur: 25X1
 - A. An economic crisis in the West because of any cutback in the armament program.
 - B. The failure of efforts to create a European Army.
 - C. The creation of basic dissensions among Western countries.
 - D. The raising of the morale of Soviet and Satellite peoples which has been shaken by Soviet propaganda about war-mongering and atomic war.

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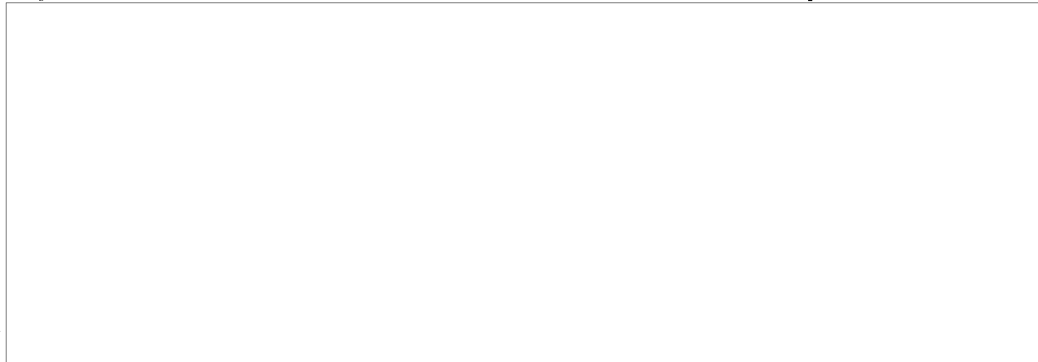
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- E. The creation of more favorable conditions for Communist parties in Western countries to develop further their subversive organizations.**



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6.  the Soviets are now engaged in the boldest deception that they have yet tried, with the reasons behind the deception directly connected with Soviet calculations as to relative Western and Soviet war-making potentials and timing.

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